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Notice of change of soloist:

Mezzo-soprano Susan Graham will replace soprano Karita Mattila on May 25 and 27

Montreal, May 19, 2010 – Soprano Karita Mattila has had to cancel her appearance with the OSM on May 25 and 27, 2010, due to laryngitis brought on from a severe cold. American mezzo-soprano Susan Graham has agreed to fill in for Madam Mattila, and will be performing Alban Berg's *Sieben frühe Lieder* (*Seven Early Songs*) under the direction of Kent Nagano. Mahler's Ninth Symphony remains on the program for the concert.

Susan Graham has sung leading roles at the most prestigious international opera houses, including the Metropolitan Opera, the San Francisco Opera, La Scala, the Royal Opera House Covent Garden and the Opéra national de Paris. She will sing Alban Berg's *Seven Early Songs*, which rank with Berg's most accessible works and notably evokes the romanticism of Wagner and Mahler. To date, Berg's *Sieben frühe Lieder* have been performed only once at the OSM, in 1985 under Charles Dutoit.

Kent Nagano will also be conducting Gustav Mahler's Ninth Symphony, an ode by the great Austrian composer to the Earth and to nature. The man who today is the OSM's music director made his debut with the Orchestra in March 1999, conducting this same symphony of Mahler's. That performance marked the beginnings of a special relationship between Kent Nagano and the OSM.

The concert will be preceded by a discussion hosted by CBC Radio reporter and producer **Kelly Rice**, who will welcome **Edgar Fruitier**.

Tuesday, May 25, at 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 27, at 8 p.m.
Grand Concerts series

SUSAN GRAHAM SINGS BERG

Kent Nagano, conductor
Susan Graham, mezzo-soprano

Alban Berg, *Sieben frühe Lieder*
Gustav Mahler, Symphony No. 9

The evening of May 25 is presented by **Giorgio Armani**.

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